

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 525

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Bobby Osborne on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Osborne will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on December 7, 2021, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Grand Ole Opry since August 8, 1964, Bobby Osborne is the legendary mandolinist/tenor singer of the Osborne Brothers, whose distinctive sound is one of the most imitated in bluegrass and is known around the world; and

WHEREAS, hailing from Hyden, Kentucky, Bobby Osborne and his brother, Sonny Osborne, formed their duo in 1953, after Bobby was discharged from the United States Marine Corps, and they made their recording debut in 1956 on MGM; and

WHEREAS, their innovative singing style and adventuresome arrangements led to hit after hit, including the classic "Rocky Top," which is an official Tennessee State song, "Making Plans," "Up This Hill and Down," "Midnight Flyer," "Muddy Bottom," and "Ruby"; and

WHEREAS, no strangers to awards and accolades, Bobby and Sonny Osborne are members of the International Bluegrass Music Association's Hall of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Osborne continues to record and perform his special brand of music with his band, Rocky Top X-Press, thrilling his many fans and inspiring future musicians; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Bobby Osborne on the celebration of

his ninetieth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.